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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: GOH INTENTIONS FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FY 77 AND 78

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1. SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR HAITI STATED IN 1975 WITH SMALL IMETP PROGRAM TARGETED PRIMARILY AT IMPROVING GOH CAPABILITY IN AIR/SEA RESCUE AND NAVIGATION AIDS; AN FMS CREDIT COMPONENT WAS ADDED IN LATE 1976 FOR ESSENTIALLY SAME PURPOSE. ALTHOUGH SPECIALIZED NATURE OF PROGRAM DID NOT INITALLY STIMULATE ENTHUSIASM, GOH INTEREST HAS BEEN GROWING AS IT BEGINS TO APPRECIATE USEFULNESS OF PROGRAM FROM PRACTICAL AND SYMBOLIC POINTS OF VIEW. IN ADDITION, SMALL ELEMENT OF IMETP HAS BEEN FOCUSED ON DEVELOPING MANAGERIAL, LOGISTICS AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROFICIENCY.

2. IMETP. U.S. HAS \$175,000 IMETP PROGRAM FOR FY 1977 TO BE USED AS FOLLOWS:

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A. SEA/AIR RESCUE AND NAVIGATIONAL SAFETY - EMBASSY ANTICIPATES THAT GOH WILL APPLY 90 PERCENT OF IMETP FOR FY 77 TO COURSES DESIGNED TO INCREASE CAPABILITY, PARTICULARLY IN COMMUNICATIONS AND MAINTENANCE, OF HAITIAN MILITARY FORCES TO SUPPORT SEA/AIR RESCUE AND NAVIGATIONAL SAFETY MISSIONS. WE TENTATIVELY ESTIMATE GOH WILL SEND 15 MEN ON RELATED COURSES. WE ANTICIPATE THAT SAME LEVEL

OF INTEREST WILL PERSIST THROUGH FY 78.

B. PROFESSIONAL - GOH WILL BE SENDING ONE CANDIDATE TO U.S. ARMY COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF COLLEGE IN FY 77 (AUTHORIZED BY DEPARTMENT IN AUGUST 1976) AND INTENDS TO REQUEST ANOTHER SLOT FOR FY 78. ONE HAITIAN OFFICER ALSO ATTENDED A RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COURSE ON FY 77 FUNDS AND WE ANTICIPATE A REPEAT REQUEST. THE GOH PROBABLY INTENDS TO REQUEST A FEW COURSES EMPHASIZING LOGISTICS AND PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION FOR FY 78. APPROXIMATELY FIVE POSITIONS ARE EXPECTED TO BE USED FOR THESE PROFESSIONAL PURPOSES IN FY 77 AND 78.

3. FMS - CREDIT. HAITI WAS AUTHORIZED A \$500,000 CREDIT PROGRAM IN LATE 1976, ANTICIPATED TO EXTEND FIVE YEARS. IT SUBMITTED A PURCHASE LIST IN MARCH 1977 WHICH IS CURRENTLY BEING EVALUATED. WE ANTICIPATE STRONG CONTINUED INTEREST IN THIS PROGRAM THROUGH FY 78.

4. FMS - CASH SALES. THE GOH PURCHASED APPROXIMATELY \$600,000 OF VARIOUS MILITARY EQUIPMENT IN FY 76. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT GOH HAS PURCHASED FOUR (H-34C) HELICOPTERS AND FOUR U-6A AIRCRAFT IN FY 77 FOR ESTIMATED TOTAL OF \$103,000. WE HAVE NO SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON FUTURE PLANS BUT ANTICIPATE GOH WILL MAKE FURTHER PURCHASES THROUGH FMS-CASH SALES IN FY 77 AND 78.

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